

# PROVIDING ROUTINE IMMUNIZATIONS

## during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) encourages healthcare providers to continue vaccinating patients whenever possible. Slowing or stopping access to immunizations increases our risk for vaccine-preventable diseases. Providers should review strategies to continue timely vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### CLINICS WORKING WITH CHILDREN



Use strategies to separate well visits from sick. Examples include:

- Scheduling well visits in the morning and sick visits in the afternoon.
- Separating patients spatially, such as by placing patients with sick visits in different areas of the clinic or another location from patients with well visits.

**If a practice can provide only limited well child visits, providers are encouraged to prioritize newborn care and vaccination of infants and young children (through 24 months of age) when possible.**

### CLINICS WORKING WITH ADULTS



Delivery of some clinical preventive services for adults are being postponed or delivered through other means such as telehealth. Immunizations require in-person encounters and should be administered whenever:

- An in-person visit must be scheduled for some other purpose and the vaccine can be administered during that visit; or
- An individual patient and their clinician believe that there is a compelling need to receive the vaccine based on an assessment that the potential benefit outweighs the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.

#### Additional Resources

- [NJDOH Information on COVID-19](#)
- [Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers \(CDC\)](#)
- [Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals Preparing for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)

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